

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the Title of the application with the following Title:

ADHESIVE ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED AIR EGRESS

Please replace the Abstract with the Abstract presented below:

This invention relates to an adhesive article which provides air egress. Air egress is provided by supplying a route, such as areas of no initial adhesion for the air to flow out from under the construction. The invention relates to an adhesive article comprising a facestock having a front surface and a back surface, a continuous layer of adhesive having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein the upper surface of the adhesive layer is adhered to the back surface of the facestock, and a plurality of spaced-apart non-adhesive material which is in contact with the lower surface of the adhesive layer wherein the lower surface of the adhesive layer has a Sheffield roughness of at least about 10 and the adhesive article provides air egress. The invention also relates to methods of preparing the adhesive articles. These articles have usefulness as industrial graphics images, as well as decorative coverings, etc. The articles provide air egress and optionally repositionability and slideability.

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0035] The non-adhesive material is generally present in a pattern. The pattern can be a plurality of dots, lines, or any geometric figure, that provides a path for air egress from the adhesive article. When lines are used, at least about 50% of the pattern should extend to the edge of the adhesive article to obtain acceptable air egress. The lines and dots may vary in size provided that air egress is maintained. The lines and other patterns generally have an average thickness from about 30 nanometers to about 100 μ , or from about 0.3 μ to about 100 μ , or from about 0.5 μ to about 50 μ , or from about 2 μ to about 20 μ . The width of the lines may also vary widely. An example of a useful range for the line width is from about 12 μ to about 250 μ , or from about 25 μ to about 125 μ , or from about 50 μ to about 75 μ . The pattern may be a grid of intersecting lines, a weave pattern, a waffle pattern, diagonal straight and curves lines, tiled geometric figures, such as hexagons, rectangles, overlapping circles or triangles, or lines in a cross hatch pattern. Combinations of patterns may be used such as a grid of intersecting lines with random or patterned dots. The non-adhesive material may be applied by any means.